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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Applicant is required to provide serial numbers for the related cases.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-8, 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bickmore et al. (“Bickmore”, U.S. Pat. No. 6,466,213).

Per claim 1, Bickmore teaches a system for implementing entity bookmarks, comprising:

an entity including an addressing mechanism (col. 2, lines 31-45);

a selectable resource wherein the resource is accessible via the addressing mechanism and means for selecting the resource (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50).

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Per claim 2, Bickmore teaches a method for implementing entity bookmarks, comprising:
selecting an identifier associated with a resource (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50);
associating the identifier with an entity bookmark, wherein the resource is accessed by selecting the entity bookmark (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50).

Per claim 3, Bickmore teaches an entity, comprising:
media pool (col. 2, lines 31-53);
body (figs 4-6; col. 10, lines 50-54);
at least one entity method (col. 7, lines 43-67; col. 8, lines 64); and
at least one bookmark, wherein the bookmark provides an addressing mechanism (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50).

Per claim 4, Bickmore teaches an entity, comprising:
a media pool (col. 2, lines 31-53);
a body (figs 4-6; col. 10, lines 50-54);
a brain (col. 3, lines 45-52; col. 4, lines 7-16; col. 7, lines 23-42);
at least one entity method (col. 7, lines 43-67; col. 8, lines 64) and
at least one bookmark, wherein the bookmark provides an addressing mechanism (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50).

Per claim 5, Bickmore teaches the system of claim 1 wherein the addressing mechanism provides a link to a universal resource identifier (URI) (col. 9, lines 28-31).

Per claim 6, Bickmore teaches the method of claim 2, wherein the identifier is a universal resource identifier (URI) (col. 9, lines 28-31).

Per claim 7, Bickmore teaches a system for entity messaging, comprising:

an entity including at least one bookmark (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50);

an entity-enabled device for invoking the entity (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50); and

a bookmark selection means for selecting the bookmark (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50).

Per claim 8, Bickmore teaches a method for entity messaging, comprising:

invoking an entity, wherein the entity includes at least one bookmark associated with a resource (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50);

selecting the bookmark and accessing the resource associated with the bookmark (col. 2, lines 31-45; col. 9, lines 13-30; col. 10, lines 43-50).

Per claim 10, Bickmore teaches the system of claim 7, wherein the bookmark selection means is a link to a universal resource identifier (URI) (col. 9, lines 28-31).

Per claim 11, Bickmore teaches the system of claim 7, wherein the bookmark selection means is a shortcut to a link to a universal resource identifier (URI) (col. 9, lines 28-31).

Per claim 12, Bickmore teaches the method of claim 8, wherein the resource associated with the bookmark is a universal resource identifier (URI) (col. 9, lines 28-31).

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bickmore et al. ("Bickmore", U.S. Pat. No. 6,466,213) in view of Praitis et al. ("Praitis", U.S. Pat. No. 6,594,697).

Per claim 9, Bickmore teaches the system of claim 7, but does not teach the bookmark selection means further comprises error handling means for determining whether the bookmark selection fails. However, Praitis teaches the bookmark selection means further comprises error handling means for determining whether the bookmark selection fails (col. 2, lines 25-45). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include error handling as taught by Praitis in the invention of Bickmore in order to provide users a friendly user interface by providing useful information regarding the errors.

Claim 13 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 9.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Anaupam et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,535,912) discloses shortcuts to webpages that require multiple steps to be retrieved are enabled by means of a smart bookmark.


Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh T. Vu whose telephone number is (703)-308-9119. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and every other Fri 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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